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ALMA, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 7, 1909

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TOWNSEND'S SPEECH

Charles Elroy Townsend is Now a
Senatorial Candidate.

JAXON HONORS CONGRESSMAN

Six Thousand Jaxon County Voters Said to
Have Signed Petition Presented Sept. 21.

Hon. C. E. Townsend has many friends in Gratiot county and throughout the eleventh congressional district, who will be pleased to read his speech of acceptance, when presented at Jaxon, Tuesday evening, September 21, with a petition signed by 6,000 Jaxon county voters, requesting him to stand for the U. S. senatorship to succeed Hon. Julius C. Burrows. We are indebted to the Jaxon Citizen Press for his address which follows:

Mr. President and Friends:

To me this is the most happy occasion. It is unusual for an organization so busy as the Chamber of Commerce of this city to take an active interest in the personal welfare of one who for six years has been greatly honored by the people of his congressional district, but I imagine it is somewhat inspired by the thought that the possibility of a United States senator from this city is worth some consideration from an advertising standpoint. I am bound to believe, however, from what I know of the influences which gave birth to this meeting, that I am here surrounded by friends who have faith in me, and who believe that I have, to the extent of my ability, striven to serve them in the past, and if continued in public service will strive to do my duty in the future as it is given to me to see that duty.

Neither this district nor the state of Michigan owes me any additional honor, for I have already had my share, and hence it is that I am deeply affected by your kind words and by this splendid manifestation of your esteem and confidence.

To the thousands of citizens who have petitioned me to become a candidate for the exalted position of United States senator at the primaries in 1910, I am profoundly grateful. I have no doubt that some of my enthusiastic friends gave the original inspiration for these petitions, yet the apparent willingness with which men affixed their names, as I have been informed by scores of gentlemen, leads me to believe that the petitions are the expressions of the sincere desire of voters for me to enter the primaries next year. And so believing and after mature deliberation I say to the petitioners and to you gentlemen, that I accept the invitation and with the help of my friends here and throughout the state of Michigan I shall make the best canvass I can for the office of United States senator. I feel that it is proper for me to say to you that from a somewhat extended correspondence covering nearly every county in the state, and from personal contact with many men in several counties of the state, I feel warranted in entertaining high hopes of success.

My ambition to reach the senate is of little importance in itself. But a realization of my ambition means membership in the upper branch of congress and that implies not only honor but responsibility. The honor would be enjoyed by me and my friends, but the responsibility of the position imposes service to the state and nation and the question of how that service shall be performed, is, I submit, of infinitely greater importance than simply the personal effect upon me and my friends.

I have had six years experience as a congressman, and to the record I must appeal as the only assurance of what will be done in that future. I make no claim to superior ability, but I have a reasonable degree of industry and energy which would be dedicated without reservation and unbiased by previous condition of servitude to the public welfare.

The senate is the greatest deliberative body in the world. Opportunity is here given for the consideration of all matters before it. The house is the popular branch but owing to the size of its membership and its partisan nature legislation can only be enacted under rules of cloture which shut off amendments and stifle thorough legislative consideration. From the very beginning the senate has contained some of the strongest and best men of the nation, and from the very nature

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OLD LANDMARK GOING

In 1879 J. M. Montigel & Co. built the building just east of Otto Sanderhoff's hardware store, which for years has been known as Schwartz's foundry. This property recently came into the possession of our townsman, Clint Nelson, who has sold the building to the Berman Bros. and they in turn have let a contract to have it torn down. The contract calls for its removal in fifteen days and men are already at work removing the interior. When the building is removed and the debris cleared away it is understood that a two story brick or cement garage will be built for the use of Nelson Bros. The lot is 56x130 and is an ideal location for a building of that kind, having an alley on both side and rear of lot.

TOWNSHIP MONEY

Last Legislature Authorized Board to
Designate Depositories By
Resolution.

At the same time the last legislature authorized county boards of supervisors, or depositories, for county funds it also provided that every township should have one or more depositories for township moneys the township board being authorized to provide for them by resolution.

The banks designated by the township board as depositories must be in the county where such township is located and must give sufficient bonds approved by the township board. Deposits must not exceed \$100,000 in any depository and any sums deposited in a depository must not be in excess of the bonds given. It is the duty of the township treasurer to see that this provision is observed otherwise he and his bondsmen are liable for the excess in case of loss.

All sums must be in such shape that they may be open to public inspection. In case of failure of a bank where township moneys are kept the law provides that the township treasurer or his bondsmen are not liable except in cases of excessive deposits.

MRS. J. W. MICHAM DEAD.

Mrs. Julia Webber Micham, who died Sept. 30, '09, at her home on West End St., was born December 1, 1850 in Woodstock, N. Y. Later, having moved to Woodstock, Ill. she was married, October 5, 1870, to W. N. H. Micham. Soon after they moved to Detroit and for the past fourteen years have been residents of Alma and vicinity. An aged father, a sister, a husband and a son are left to mourn her loss.

Rev. G. H. Carl had charge of the funeral services held at the home, October 2, and interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

COURT CONVENED MONDAY.

Circuit court convened Monday by Judge Kelly S. Searl and the day was taken up in arranging the calendar and hearing arraignments and motions. Stephen Taft was brought before the court and pleaded guilty to resisting an officer and was sentenced to ninety days in the Detroit house of correction. Colin Campbell pleaded guilty to violating the local option law. He was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail and pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of Bethany school district No. 1, fractional for month ending Sept. 24.

Whole number of days taught 19. Number of pupils enrolled 30. Average daily attendance 10.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy during month: Earl Greening, Kathryn Behler, Lucile Redman, Carl Shook, Ruth Behler, Bernice Greening, Alice Shook, Louis Behler, Arthur Shook. Pupils tardy but not absent, Edna Bailey.

Bessie Cummings, Teacher.

REAL ESTATE MOVING.

Messrs. Shaffar & Voorhees the real estate men, report the sale during the month of September of \$69,982.50 worth of Gratiot county farms. That is certainly going some. The gentlemen are associated with T. A. Burt, who has charge of the Illinois office and has interested a number of Illinois citizens in Gratiot county farms.

SUGAR FACTORY START

Steam to be Turned on Today, Run
on Last Year's Sugar.

SLICING COMMENCES MONDAY

Everything in Readiness for What Now Appears to be a Seventy Day Run.

L. H. McKinney, superintendent at the sugar factory expects to have steam turned on at the plant today and two or three days run devoted to cleaning up the residue of last year.

Monday, as will be seen by the notice published elsewhere in this issue, the factory will commence the seasons campaign by slicing the first beets of 400 tons now in the sheds. Everything is in the best of order, the dryer is complete and every bit of machinery in the huge plant has been put in perfect working order for the 70 or more days run necessary to cleaning up the seasons crop.

From all points come reports of an excellent crop and good tonnage, while the few preliminary tests for sugar content indicate a percentage fully up to the average. A few days of dry weather often serves to greatly increase the sugar content, while rains start the root to growing afresh, increase tonnage but reduces the proportionate amount of sugar, but not the actual number of pounds. All signs point to a satisfactory campaign both to the grower of beets and the factory.

THE ALMA VAUDETTE.

C. F. Fishbeck, proprietor of the Alma Vaudeville, had a gang of men at work the first of the week raising the seats in the Vaudeville, as a result of which the near seats are now eight inches higher than the stage. Mr. Fishbeck is constantly looking after the interests of his patrons, as a result of which the seating capacity of the house is sold several times over every night of the week.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

List of Jurors

Aldrich, George S., St. Louis
Ambsbury, Wallace, Alma
Becker, E. M., Lafayette
Coleman, Ezra, Wheeler

Cross, George, Washington
Dellme, W., Bethany
Delise, E., Hamilton
Gardner, Ben., St. Louis

Grover, Thos., Alma
Hubbard, W. J., Arcadia
Howard, F. L., Arcadia
Hibner, A. F., Newark

Haven, Welsley, North Shade
Hull, E. E., Seville
Hall, John B., Sumner
Herriek, N. P., St. Louis

Kimes, Sam, Wheeler
Manchester, Charles, Ashlev
Oster, E. St. Louis
Sherman, Jack, Fulton

Seaver, Jack, Alma
Saunders, George W., St. Louis
Snaydam, I. D., St. Louis

Thorp, Charles, St. Louis
Teed, Charles J., New Haven
Walters, Archie, Emerson

On the Chancery calendar is a case which has been hanging fire for three years. It is the William Hodge vs. City of St. Louis case. Hodge was a former saloon keeper of St. Louis who tripped and fell on an alleged defective sidewalk near his home in the summer of 1906. He claims he was practically disabled and unable to further carry on his business. The first time in court the jury brought in a verdict of no cause of action. Judge Dodds of Mt. Pleasant granted a new trial on the grounds that Hodge was under the influence of opiates when he was injured and he carried it to supreme court and the verdict was set aside. At the second trial in circuit court he secured judgement against the city for \$5000. This was set aside at the third trial, the decision being "no cause of action." It is now on for trial for the fourth time.

Mrs. Ellen Chapple, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Phillips, for the past week, returned to her home at Coral, Wednesday.

The First State Bank, block first east of the Record Office, is to be painted to conform to the work recently done on the Pollasky block.

The members of the Civic Improvement League will hold their regular meeting in the free reading rooms, Friday afternoon, October 15th, at 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. L. A. Mapes and sister, Mrs. H. Coe, of Ashland, Ohio, left Wednesday morning for Grand Ledge and Waukegan, where they will visit relatives for a week.

The Troubadors gave an excellent entertainment at the Opera House last Monday evening to a very small audience. The entertainment is said to be one of the best given in Alma in a long time.

Job Sleight, Steve Bennett and Chas. Murphy has secured licenses to hunt deer in the Upper Peninsula. The season opens November 10th, but the party will leave Alma October 26th, putting in the intervening time hunting other game. Their headquarters will be on the Sheldrake river in Chippewa county.

OWOSSO VS. ALMA.

Alma High won her third game of the season Friday afternoon, October 1, by defeating Owosso High by the decisive score of 32 to 0. It was an ideal day for the game and the high school students, especially the girls, turned out in a body to root for the home team. The best of spirit was shown, which helped the team to roll up a large score.

The game was fast and snappy although Owosso outweighed Alma. The locals' team work was superior, owing to the good coaching of Mr. Waid. Every man played a star game. Alma's line although light succeeded in dumping their men and getting to Owosso before they had time to gain ground. The backfield was strong, going through Owosso for big gains.

The forward pass was used many times successfully and twice for touchdowns near the center of the field. Kress with almost a perfect interference made two long quarterback runs scoring goals. Vought and Sturdivant, halves, played a steady game and carried the pigskin through the line and around the ends for big gains. Gargett at fullback smashed the line as if he was going against children instead of men that outweighed him, gaining from eight to ten yards at a plunge. Kress played a hard game at quarter and managed his team in good shape, making several good punts and passes. The Barry brothers handled the end positions with good ability, breaking up Owosso's plays many times before they could get to the line. They received forward passes and beat down long punts, downing their man in his tracks. At no time was Alma's goal line in danger of being crossed.

COURT NOW IN SESSION

Seven Cases Down For Violation of
Local Option Law—Seven Criminally
Charged Will Plead Guilty.

The court convened Monday. The jury drawn for the term is published below. There are eighteen cases on the criminal calendar. Seven cases are on the calendar for violating the local option law. There are fourteen issues of fact, five chancery and fifteen divorce cases.

Prosecuting Attorney Mathews of Isabella county, received the following letter from the general passenger agent of the Ann Arbor dated September 28. "In reply to yours of the 17th, I beg to say that on September 15th, we discontinued the sale of beer, wine and liquor in our cafe cars while trains are passing through local option counties."

NO LIQUOR ON ANN ARBOR TRAINS

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NOTICE.

To employees of Alma Sugar plant: We will start cutting beets Monday, October 10. Arrange to be on hand.

L. H. MCKINNEY,
SUPERINTENDENT.

MARRIED—Tuesday, October 5th, at the residence of Rev. H. L. Crain, Mr. Ralph E. Pease, of Ashley, and Miss Ethel Bush, of North Star. The newly married couple left for Grand Rapids, Wednesday morning.

The Pollasky block has been greatly improved by a generous application of paint. The brick has been given a coat of dark red, while the woodwork will receive two coats of dark gray.

Mrs. Arthur Butron and son, of Hart, who has been visiting at the home of M. J. Butterfield and wife for the past few weeks, left Friday for Mt. Pleasant, where she will visit relatives for a short time.

OBITUARY.

Norman, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wilke died at their home Sunday evening, September 25, aged 8 months. The funeral was held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the residence, and interment made in the Wright cemetery. Besides the parents there are three sisters and two brothers left to mourn. The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

BEAUTIFUL ORCHARD

Supervisor Pitt of Seville Township
In Peach Harvest.

1,200 BUSHELS OF PEACHES

From 520 Trees Which Occupy Less Than Five
Acres of Land.

That Gratiot county soil can grow peaches the equal of any in the fruit belt is amply proven by a visit to the W. T. Pitt farm in Seville township. The writer spent an hour in the orchard this week and witnessed the busy scenes incident to picking, packing and preparing the fruit for market. The orchard occupies a rolling piece of land containing about five acres, upon which sixty-five lemon free peach trees, seventy-five gold drops, one hundred and thirty Kalamazoo, one hundred fifty Enrie mammoth, fifty Crawfords and fifty Smocks, all of which are bearing. The crop this year is an unusually heavy one. Mr. F. E. French, who is superintending the picking, informed us that the crop would reach 1,200 bushels with a good prospect for 1,500.

Two hundred bushels of Kalamazoo were picked Monday, while other trees were so heavily loaded with fruit that the limbs were weighted to the ground. On one branch, not over eight or ten inches in length, we counted 26 large peaches of the Kalamazoo variety, while one lemon free that was measured required a string ten inches long to reach around it. Mr. Pitt is finding a ready market for all his fruit which will average him \$1.50 per bushel for the season. The packing house is in charge of Mrs. F. E. French and Mrs. Wm. Shong and is certainly a busy place. The picking of the fruit is in charge of Mr. F. E. French, who is assisted by a number of men who carefully remove the peaches from the trees to the basket, after which they are loaded on a truck wagon and removed to the packing house where, after sorting, they are ready for the market. Admitting the crop to not exceed 1,200 bushels and an average of \$1.50 per bushel maintained, we have \$1,800 for a crop grown on five acres or an average of \$360.00 per acre. Who can beat it?

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LOST HIS ARM

L. E. Slussar, better known as "Ed" former publisher of the Mancelova Herald and one of the best all around newspaper men in northern Michigan, had the misfortune last Saturday to have his arm cut off by falling under a train at Trout Lake Junction. Mr. Slussar, in company with Ex-Congressman William Mesick of Petoskey, had started for North Dakota to investigate some land matters. At Trout Lake Michigan Junction, upper peninsula, it was necessary to change cars and Mr. Slussar stood on the platform talking to some friends, as the train pulled out.

Seeing the train departing, Mr. Slussar caught the front end of the last Pullman. Unfortunately, the vestibule was locked and thinking there was another step beneath the one on which he was standing, Mr. Slussar stepped down, only to fall under the wheels. His arm was ground off about four inches below the elbow. "Slus" has many friends in this congressional district, who extend sympathy in his misfortune.

OBITUARY

Bettie Lawson Pitt was born at Northville, Wayne county, Michigan March, 1845, where she lived until she was married to William T. Pitt, March 4th, 1869. The same year they settled in Holly, Michigan. The following year she united with the Baptist church in which she always took an active part. While living at Holly, the Red Ribbon Temperance Movement was started. Mrs. Pitt was among the first in the work, which she continued until she saw the great temperance wave sweep over the entire country. She was most happy when working for the uplifting of her fellowmen.

With her husband she moved to Forest Hill, this county, in 1878. After a two year's residence at that place, they moved onto a new farm in Seville township, where she has since resided, with the exception of two years at Ithaca. She always attended Sunday and other religious services at the Center school house, and was an active worker. A few years ago a small church was built near the school house, and Sunday found her there when ever her health permitted. She served as president of the W. C. T. U. of Gratiot county several years ago.

Her health has been failing for several years still we all thought her much improved the past weeks. She was busy in sorting and packing peaches, which she enjoyed so much. Tuesday, September 28, as she sat down to dinner she was taken with a severe pain in her head. She was helped to her bed and a doctor summoned, but continued to grow worse until about four o'clock, when she fell into a deep slumber, which continued until half past ten, when she passed to the great beyond without a struggle. The large attendance at the funeral, Friday afternoon, the beautiful flowers, and the sympathetic tears that trickled down her face for the last time, showed the respect and esteem in which she was held by neighbors and friends.

She leaves besides her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Bell Shong, six grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. Della Dunlap of South Lyon, Mrs. Carry Barnard of Detroit, and Mrs. Orson Benjamin of Grand Ledge, and a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Her most intimate friends were her most ardent admirers and we will all mourn the loss of a loving wife, a devoted mother and grandmother, a sympathetic and sincere friend.

She was laid at rest, with kind hands, in the little country churchyard, at the Center, midst flowers, in loving remembrance from the Seville and Sumner Farmers' club, the Maccabees of Elwell, Gleaner Aid society, the Center church Aid society, and a loving tribute from the children at the Center school. With kind remembrances from so many it is impossible to name them all.

From the cemetery where she lies sleeping, can be seen the peach orchard and the log house, where so many years were passed pleasantly.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Alma, Mich. Oct. 4th, '09.
Advertised list for the week ending Oct. 2nd, 1909. Mr. Fred Banks, Miss Alta Bollinger, A. T. Bull, Sam Cherry, Mrs. Alta Hart, Mrs. John Hough, Mrs. Evans Holbrook, Miss Clio Hoyt, Mr. Marolt, Mrs. M. E. Mercher, Mrs. Ethel Moore, Mr. Arthur Truax. The above if not called for will be sent to the dead letter office October 18, '09.
C. F. Brown, M. P.

THEY PLAYED BALL

College Team Defeats The Saginaw
Naval Reserves.

BY A SCORE OF 27 TO 0

Alma Goes to M. A. C. Saturday of This Week
Result May be Different.

Alma 27, Saginaw Naval Reserves, 0. For a starter this looks pretty good and while it is nothing special to crow over, at the same time it is not half bad for such early season developments. M. A. C. next Saturday will doubtless have another story to tell but M. A. C. isn't or never has been a bugbear. She may be out of our class but she has played some of her hardest games with that little institution known as Alma or the "Vale of the west," as Brewer remarked a few years back, "when we play the Farmers, we'll show them the game of foot ball," will be the opening hymn at the mass meeting to be called Friday noon and it is hoped that the Alma spirit will pervade the meeting to such an extent that enough will decide to go to Lansing so that special rates may be secured.

Various changes in the M. I. A. A. constitution will probably result from the meeting of the board of directors at Albion last Saturday. Alma was represented by "Sandy" Duncanson and our interests were no doubt well looked after. In order to avoid a possible wind up similar to last year in base ball whereby Alma had many causes for complaint, various schemes were proposed. Although nothing definite was decided yet it was practically assured that every college should play every other college in the intercollegiate. This will eliminate the decided advantage which the colleges of southern Michigan have had over the institution situated "in the woods of northern Michigan" but which in spite of its location has just about made the other colleges go some in base ball. There was a mistake somewhere in letting the cup get off the library shelf, it must come back this year.

The work of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. is coming to the front again this year. These two societies are the chief religious influences in the college. It is around them that the work for the year is built. The girls had a large representation at the summer conference this last year and gained thereby many helpful suggestions for the enlargement of the plans for the year. Plans are already under way for the raising of funds for sending delegates again next year. The regular meeting at both Wright and Pioneer Halls Sunday afternoon are being well attended. They are always helpful and inspiring. Bible classes, mission classes and special study classes for those who expect to become Y. M. C. A. workers will soon be in session. Every year large numbers of the students join these classes and gain much good indeed. The meetings on Sunday afternoon are open meetings and friends of the college would be more than welcome. Collegian.

AUCTION SALE

H. Corl of Seville township advertises an auction sale in this week's Record for Wednesday, October 20th. J. D. Helman is the auctioneer.

Job Sleight having sold his farm on Section 35, Pine River township, located one-half mile north and one-half mile east of the Alma Roller Mills will offer for sale, Thursday, October 21st, his farm implements, stock and other articles. Watch for his adv. next week.

Jason Carner having sold his farm, located 3 1/2 miles west and 2 miles north of Ithaca, or 6 miles southwest of Alma, on Sec. 30, Arcadia township, will offer for sale on Wednesday, October 13, 1909, a large list of stock and farm tools. J. D. Helman is the auctioneer. See the advertisement in this issue of the Record.

WALL PAPER GALORE.

C. F. Brown the druggist whose advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue has 10,000 rolls of wall paper that he must move to make room for new stock. He offers any pattern in the entire stock at a discount of from 25 percent to 50 percent on regular prices. If you intend using wall paper this fall, next spring or any other time this is your opportunity to save money. All up to date and the prices certainly must move the goods. Get busy if you want to take advantage of above offer.